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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
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SIGNAL THAT CONTAINS
MESSAGE DATA IN A DIGITAL
IMAGE**

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Chris W. Honsinger declares that he is a co-inventor of both the subject application and of U.S. Patent 6,130,741; that in U.S. Patent 6,130,741, I am the sole inventor of the use of grain noise in this invention; and that more specifically, my contribution was the realization that grain noise is, in essence, noise and can be easily facilitated within modern human visual system models.

He further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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